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Pronunciation:  \kär-kəs\

Function: *noun*

Etymology: Middle English *carcays*, from Anglo-French *carcas*, *carkeis*

Date: 14th century

1 : a dead body : **CORPSE** ; especially : the dressed body of a meat animal  
 2 : the living, material, or physical body  
 3 : the decaying or worthless remains of a structure <the *carcass* of an abandoned automobile>  
 4 : the underlying structure or frame of something (as of a piece of furniture)

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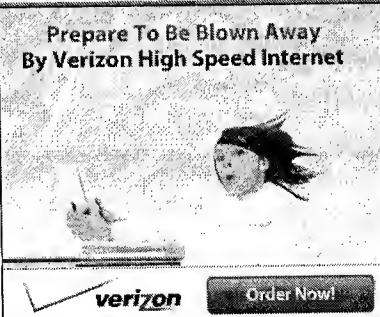
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